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Letter dated 23 May 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy (see annex) of the Statement of the Central America-4 (CA-4) Presidents, Alvaro Colom of Guatemala, Mauricio Funes of El Salvador, Porfirio Lobo of Honduras and Daniel Ortega Saavedra of Nicaragua, who, meeting in Managua, Nicaragua, on 22 May 2011 and inspired by the example of Francisco Morazán, decided on the following three points with regard to Honduras, in the light of the Agreement for National Reconciliation and Consolidation of the Democratic System in the Republic of Honduras just signed in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia:

1. To support the Agreement promoted by the Presidents of Venezuela and Colombia, which paves the way for the readmission of Honduras to the Organization of American States (OAS) and its full participation in the Central American Integration System (SICA).

2. To request the countries of the Americas to support this decision, with a view to the early admission of Honduras to the Organization of American States (OAS) and all international forums.

3. In view of the signing of the aforesaid Agreement and with the approval of his colleagues, the President of Nicaragua, José Daniel Ortega Saavedra, directed the immediate and full restoration and normalization of Nicaragua's relations with Honduras.

I should be grateful if you would have the attached Statement circulated to all States Members of the United Nations.

(*Signed*) María **Rubiales de Chamorro**
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Annex

Statement of the Central America-4 (CA-4) Presidents on Honduras

The Central American Presidents Alvaro Colom Caballeros of Guatemala, Mauricio Funes Cartagena of El Salvador, Porfirio Lobo Sosa of Honduras and Daniel Ortega Saavedra of Nicaragua, inspired by the example of Francisco Morazán, met today, 22 May 2011, in Managua.

The Central America-4 (CA-4) Presidents reviewed the overall state of Central American integration and the main threats confronting the democratic process that has existed in the region since the signing of the Esquipulas II Agreements.

They believe that both the internal unity of each of their peoples and the unity of the region as a whole are crucial for strengthening the Central American integration process, which is the political will of the four Presidents.

In assessing the political situation resulting from the 28 June 2009 events in Honduras, the Presidents were unanimous in recognizing the merits of the mediation undertaken on 9 April 2011 by President Hugo Rafael Chávez Frías of Venezuela and President Juan Manuel Santos of Colombia, in conjunction with President Porfirio Lobo Sosa and in permanent consultation with José Manuel Zelaya Rosales, former President of Honduras.

The Agreement for National Reconciliation and Consolidation of the Democratic System in the Republic of Honduras having been signed today, 22 May 2011, in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, the CA-4 Presidents noted the political nature of the Agreement and consequently decided:

1. To support the Agreement promoted by the Presidents of Venezuela and Colombia, which paves the way for the readmission of Honduras to the Organization of American States (OAS) and its full participation in the Central American Integration System (SICA).

2. To request the countries of the Americas to support this decision, with a view to the early admission of Honduras to the Organization of American States (OAS) and all international forums.

3. In view of the signing of the aforesaid Agreement and with the approval of his colleagues, the President of Nicaragua, José Daniel Ortega Saavedra, directed the immediate and full restoration and normalization of Nicaragua's relations with Honduras.

Done at Managua, Nicaragua, on 22 May 2011.

(*Signed*) Alvaro Colom Caballero
President of the Republic of Guatemala

(*Signed*) Mauricio Funes C.
President of the Republic of El Salvador

(*Signed*) Porfirio Lobo Sosa
President of the Republic of Honduras

(*Signed*) Daniel Ortega Saavedra
President of the Republic of Nicaragua